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* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I raise another point. We have been told to send our cuts by a certain date, and we cannot send any other cuts now."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The President has got the right to admit any motion."

* Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Will you do it ? That is what I want to know."

III

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE COMMITTEES.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce that as a result of the elections held yesterday, the following hon. Members have been declared duly elected to the Public Accounts Committee and the Finance Committee

(1) the Public Accounts Committee : Mr. P. J. Gnanavaram Pillai, Rao Bahadur S. Ellappa Chettiyar, Mr. F. E. James, Zamindar of Singampatti, Mr. A. Parasurama Rao, Mr. K. Uppi Sahib and Mr. P. C. Venkatapati Raju, and

(2) the Finance Committee : Dr. B. S. Mallayya, Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan, Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu, Khan Bahadur S. K. Abdul Razack Sahib Bahadur, Mr. H. F. P. Hearson and Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar."

IV

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1929-30.

DEMAND VII—CAUVERY-METTUR PROJECT.

The House then resumed discussion of the motion of Mr. Venkataramana Ayyangar on the Mettur project.

* Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—" Sir, I was speaking about the poor yield. Some critics have pointed out—and among them officers of the Agricultural department—that this is due to the deterioration of the soil. I think this deterioration is not a quality inherent in the soil of Tanjore, but it is largely due to the fact that we have no regular silt deposits as of yore and, secondly, want of green manure in sufficient quantities and precarious supply of water. I have already spoken of the system of morai which was objected to by both Mr. Wickkam and Mr. Morin, but which has been, and will continue to be, the practice for the reason that, as the Cauvery Committee pointed out, the supply throughout the irrigation season is extremely unsteady, that the average irrigation supply varies incessantly to an extent which is unknown on large canal systems elsewhere in India and without a storage reservoir of great capacity, the floods in the river could not be stored. These are the defects which the Cauvery-Mettur project seeks to remedy. This project has long been overdue. Even now, many are sceptical about the supply being adequate not only for first and second crops throughout the deltaic portion but also for over 150,000 acres to be brought under cultivation. 11-45 a.m.

" My Friend Mr. Venkataramana Ayyangar rightly stressed the need for economy, especially in connexion with works, the estimates whereof have a tendency to mount upwards every time there is a fresh revision. My point is that true economy would lie in expediting the completion of the